

each other to ensure the community continues to thrive.

Two hundred years as a community and a town is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Town of Busti for withstanding the tests of time and look forward to many more years of Busti providing a welcoming community for our friends, neighbors and visitors.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the Town of Busti's two hundredth anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCCOQUAN-WOODBRIDGE-LORTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 13, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 85th Anniversary, as well as incoming 2023 officers, of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department.

Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1938, the OWLVFD is comprised of committed community members who volunteer their time, energy, and financial resources to ensuring the safety of the families and property in and around Woodbridge. During its 85-year history, the Department has continued to expand and there are now three stations staffed by over 200 volunteers who serve and protect an ever-growing local population. From their bravery in action, to their presence with the youth in the community, OWLVFD is readily available for the families of Woodbridge.

It is with great honor I include in the RECORD the names of the following Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department Officers:

**Operational Officers:**

Lt. Aundrea Bonilla, Lt. Mark Powers, Lt. Michael Yankaskas, Lt. Jonathan Baldwin, Lt. Reggie Lawrence, Capt. Melissa Westphal, Capt. Steve Godin, Capt. Scott Shaw, Assistant Chief Sandra Williams, Assistant Chief Kurt Bolland, Assistant Chief Ernest DeSantis, Assistant Chief Ryan Williams, Chief Wayne Haight.

**Administrative Officers:**

Sergeant at Arms—Mark Bauer, Election Officer—Sabrina Brandon Ricks, Treasurer—Debbie Haight, Membership Secretary—Stacey Godin, Executive Vice President—Sue Wessollock.

**Board of Directors:**

Jonathan Baldwin, Frank Bruno, Mike Clark, Dee Gottman, Brenda Kuhn, Melissa Payne, Stephanie Powers, Steve Simmons, President—Dave Williams.

**Auxiliary Officers:**

Chaplain—Rita Arrington, Treasurer—Frances Spicer, Secretary—Sara Baldwin, Vice President—Kara Simmons, President—Leslie Quinn.

While a new executive board has been elected and new officers sworn in, the mission of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department remains the same. These volunteers continue to put themselves in harm's way for the benefit of the residents of the area

and have educated and mentored youth, not only teaching fire safety education, but also strengthening community relations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 85th Anniversary of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department and their service to our country and steadfast commitment to their community and in congratulating the newly elected officers and board members. I thank them for their dedication and to all I say: "Stay safe."

HONORING THE WORK OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RICHARD E. DAVIS

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 13, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the upcoming retirement of Richard E. Davis, a superb Soldier and citizen who has served our Nation for forty-one years, including, since October 2021, serving as the Command Sergeant Major of Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the largest Reserve Component training site in the United States.

A native of Petal, Mississippi, Command Sergeant Major Davis began his military career in the Mississippi Army National Guard on April 5, 1982, as a 62B, Construction Equipment Repairman. During his career, Command Sergeant Major Davis served in all levels of responsibility, including Track Vehicle Repairman, 3656th Maintenance Company, Camp Shelby, Mississippi; Armament Maintenance Supervisor, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 106th Support Battalion, Monticello, Mississippi; Senior Auto Repairman, 3656th Maintenance Company, Camp Shelby, Mississippi; Battalion Maintenance Operation Noncommissioned Officer, Headquarters, 223rd Engineer Battalion, WestPoint, Mississippi; First Sergeant, Forward Support Command, 223rd Engineer Battalion, in Aberdeen, Mississippi, the unit with which he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2011 through 2012.

Upon return from overseas deployment, Command Sergeant Major Davis was assigned as the Mississippi National Guard Environmental Supervisor with Joint Force Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard, in Jackson, Mississippi. After completing his staff tenure, Command Sergeant Major Davis returned to the line units he knew and loved serving as the Command Sergeant Major, 890th Engineer Battalion, Gulfport, Mississippi. Following a successful assignment as the battalion level, Command Sergeant Major Davis was assigned as the 168th Engineer Brigade Command Sergeant Major from June 2018 until September 2021, after which time he was assigned as the Command Sergeant Major of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in 2021.

During his career, Command Sergeant Major Davis completed all levels of military education including Primary Leadership Development Course, the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, and, ultimately, the Sergeant Major Academy, as well as numerous other maintenance and training courses. Command Sergeant Major Davis distinguished

himself as a tactical and technical expert during his deployment to Afghanistan and while serving at Camp Shelby, supporting mobilizing and deploying units, and, of course, numerous State Emergency Operations.

Command Sergeant Major Davis's military awards include the Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Noncommissioned Professional Development Ribbon with a numeral IV; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Mississippi Medal of Efficiency; Mississippi War Medal; Mississippi Emergency Service Medal; Mississippi Service School Medal; and Mississippi Longevity Medal.

I commend Command Sergeant Major Davis and his family for their dedicated support to our Army, our Soldiers, and this Nation. I congratulate him on an extremely successful career, his dedication to service, and wish him a fulfilling and restful retirement.

RECOGNIZING LOUIS HOELMAN III

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 13, 2023*

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my constituent Louis Hoelman III on everything he has accomplished to date in a dazzling teaching and coaching career in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Mr. Hoelman is himself a proud graduate of Montgomery County Public Schools. He attended Parkside Elementary School, Highland View Elementary School, Eastern Junior High School (as it was known at the time), and the great Montgomery Blair High School. He went on to Montgomery College and graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Kinesiology.

Mr. Hoelman launched his career as an Athletic Director at the Silver Spring Boys and Girls Club. In 1993, he returned to Montgomery County Public Schools as a physical education teacher at Piney Branch Elementary School. In 1999, he joined the staff of Montgomery Blair High School as a physical education teacher and, in 2001, he became the head coach of Blair's varsity girls' softball team. Over the years he has also coached basketball, team handball, field hockey, and cross country. In 2022, he became the head coach of Blair's varsity co-ed golf team and led them to the final round of the State Golf Championship. In addition to his very busy teaching and coaching career, he is the founder of the renowned Takoma Sports Camp for boys and girls.

By the end of Blair's 2022 softball season, Mr. Hoelman had amassed a total of 294 wins over his softball coaching career. I understand that as of today, he stands on the cusp of racking up 300 career wins. He has received numerous Coach of the Year awards, including citations from the Montgomery Gazette, the Washington Examiner, Montgomery Blair High School, and, most recently, the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Beyond his remarkable record of successful coaching, Mr. Hoelman is known for his warm,

inclusive and exuberantly friendly attitude towards all students. He displays great enthusiasm for ensuring that every student experiences the physical and mental health benefits of exercise. He is dedicated to helping young people develop a positive relationship with physical activity to benefit them for the rest of their lives.

During remote learning at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Hoelman taught physical education from his living room. Under the most arduous conditions, he went all out to keep his students active and engaged—from leading them in 20-minute workouts every class to coaching them on how to improvise sports equipment using whatever materials they had at home. His dedication and creativity gave students a much-needed energetic break from the isolating and stressful circumstances of the pandemic period.

Like people in thousands of families in Montgomery County, I am profoundly grateful to Mr. Hoelman for his three decades of passionate service to our community and our children, and I look forward to seeing everything he will accomplish in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING APRIL AS PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

##### HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month. Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States. Over one million people in the United States live with Parkinson's disease without a cure or treatment to slow or halt the progression of the disease. April is when we come together to not only bring awareness to the patients living with Parkinson's disease but support the volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals working to improve the quality of life of individuals living with Parkinson's disease and their families. I am proud to support the folks from all over Louisiana who will gather in Baton Rouge this Saturday, April 15th, to raise awareness at Moving Day: A Walk for Parkinson's. Together, we can find a cure to end Parkinson's disease.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATION OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT 156TH RECRUIT CLASS

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the graduates of the 156th Class. As they prepare to join the ranks of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, I encourage the 26 graduates to reflect on the history of the department and the contributions and dedication of the brave men and women

who have served before them to protect our community.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Recruit School consists of an extensive and demanding 22-week program. In addition to two weeks of orientation, recruits completed nine weeks of EMT training and eleven weeks of fire suppression training. Upon graduation, these recruits will be certified at the level of Firefighter I/II by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

These recruits have the distinct honor of joining one of the best Fire and Rescue Departments in the United States. The efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have been recognized across this country. Members from the Department serve on the elite VA Task Force 1, which is among the first units called to disaster zones to provide search and rescue support. Members of that Task Force were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Valor as a result of their efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have such excellent ambassadors for our community and I commend them for all that they have done to protect lives and property not only here in Fairfax County, but around the world. As the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department, the 156th Recruit Class graduates join the department as integral parts of our community's emergency response and public safety team. I am confident that this graduating class will serve the residents of Fairfax County with honor and distinction. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 156th Recruit Class:

John W. Anderson  
Toma C. Anescu  
Ariel L. Antons  
Natas J. Bache  
Trent Z. Barlow  
Shane W. Bloom  
James R. Brown III  
Jacob R. Christian  
Ryan A. Comer  
Alyssa R. D'Anna  
William C. Dolan  
Ryan S. Kaminski  
John S. Kolacz  
Ian J. Luffred  
Christopher T. Lunde  
Brian S. Maphis  
William F. Montgomery  
Hailey E. Moore  
Matthew A. Mudar  
Nancy L. Reed  
Cody N. Shaffer  
Casey E. Sullivan  
Garrett S. Thompson  
Thomas J. Tufano  
Garrett M. Tullos  
Jason R. Upchurch

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present, I say: "Stay safe."

HONORING ELAINE GRINNELL

##### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to one of my constituents, Elaine Grinnell, an elder in the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. She is being celebrated for her commitment and talent in sharing the stories of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

Elaine Grinnell is a leader at NatureBridge, where she has shared her stories with students since 1994. Her work and her dedication to sharing the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's traditions were recognized with one of four First Peoples Fund's Community Spirit Awards in 2018.

Additionally, I am sincerely grateful for her work as Washington State's first certified teacher of the S'Klallam language and as a counselor to Native American students in the Port Angeles School District. Elaine Grinnell has truly made a difference in our region.

Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress, it is an honor to celebrate Elaine Grinnell.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JAN SMITH

##### HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Jeannette "Jan" Smith of Peoria, Illinois, who passed away on March 11, 2023 at the age of 88.

A native of Peoria, Illinois, Jan Smith attended Bradley University where she was actively involved as a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, as well as a member of the Dean's List. She graduated summa cum laude from Bradley University in 1975.

Jan's commitment to her community led her to become a teacher in Peoria area schools. In 1980, she left her teaching career and founded the Family Resources Center, which provided free-loan resources that taught about the sanctity of life. Her dedication to education and for the respect of life led her to serve at the Family Resources Center for over 35 years. For her tireless service, she received a papal honor in the form of the Pro Ecclesiae et Pontifice Medal as well as the Pere Marquette Award from the Diocese of Peoria.

I want to offer my condolences to the Smith family and the people of Peoria on the loss of a great woman. Jan's leadership, commitment, and dedication has made a lasting impact on the Central Illinois community that will last for generations.

#### RECOGNIZING RICH HADLEY

##### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy as I rise today to honor